

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMPHENOL CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

CREDO TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00607 (Patent 11,495,898 B2)
IPR2025-00699 (Patent 11,032,111 B2)
IPR2025-00834 (Patent 11,012,252 B2)
IPR2025-00835 (Patent 10,877,233 B1)¹

Before GREGG I. ANDERSON, GEORGE R. HOSKINS, and
BETH Z. SHAW, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HOSKINS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

¹ For convenience, we address the termination of these four related proceedings in one Order.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board’s prior authorization, Petitioner (Amphenol Corporation) and Patent Owner (Credo Technology Group Ltd.) filed Joint Motions to Terminate these four related proceedings due to settlement. *See* Paper 8 (“Joint Motion”).² In support of the Joint Motions, the parties filed a copy of a Settlement Agreement. *See* Ex. 1102 (“Settlement Agreement”). The parties also filed Joint Requests to Treat the Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). *See* Paper 9 (“Joint Request”).

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the parties represent they have reached a settlement agreement and they jointly request termination of these four related *inter partes* review proceedings based on “the settlement of all disputes between the Parties” relating to the challenged patents. *E.g.*, Joint Motion, at 1. The parties also represent that “a true copy of the Parties’ Settlement Agreement is being submitted as Exhibit 1102,” and that “[t]he Settlement Agreement is in writing and constitutes the Parties’ entire understanding and agreement.” *Id.* at 2. The Parties further “certify that there are no collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of” these four proceedings. *Id.* at 2–3.

² For expediency, we cite to papers filed in IPR2025-00607. The parties submitted similar papers in IPR2025-00699 (Papers 11 and 12), IPR2025-00834 (Papers 10 and 11), and IPR2025-00835 (Papers 10 and 11). Exhibit 1102 is the same in all four proceedings.

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These proceedings are at an early stage, and we have not yet decided whether to institute a trial. In view of the early stage of the proceedings and the settlement between the parties, we determine good cause exists to terminate the proceedings with respect to the parties.

As to the Joint Request, we have reviewed the Settlement Agreement. We find that it contains confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement. We determine good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information, to keep it separate from the files of the involved patents, and to limit its availability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motions to Terminate (IPR2025-00607, Paper 8; IPR2025-00699, Paper 11; IPR2025-00834, Paper 10; and IPR2025-00835, Paper 10) are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions in IPR2025-00607 (Paper 2), IPR2025-00699 (Paper 2), IPR2025-00834 (Paper 2), and IPR2025-00835 (Paper 2) are dismissed, and these proceedings are *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Requests (IPR2025-00607, Paper 9; IPR2025-00699, Paper 12; IPR2025-00834, Paper 11; and IPR2025-00835, Paper 11) to Treat the Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1102) as

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Business Confidential Information are *granted*, and the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the files of the involved patents (U.S. Patent Nos. 11,495,898 B2; 11,032,111 B2; 11,012,252 B2; and 10,877,233 B1) and made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

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